

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 965

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brian E. Kinner of
Hermitage.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves in their academic and extracurricular endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Brian E. Kinner is one such exceptional student who has excelled in each of his activities and has displayed commended patriotism at a young age; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, he joined the Civil Air Patrol at the age of fifteen; already committed to serving his country, he felt this opportunity would allow him to learn about military customs and emergency services and to further explore aerospace education; an

WHEREAS, in July of 1999, he attended Tennessee Wing Encampment at Fort Campbell and later that month attended the National Blue Beret, where cadets assisted the Experimental Aircraft Association with the world's largest air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, he continued his personal training by attending the 2000 National Ground Search and Rescue School at Camp Atterbury, qualifying as a ground team member, and the 2001 Advanced National Ground Search and Rescue School, where he qualified as a ground

team leader; highly skilled and knowledgeable, he has assisted in fifteen ground team missions activated by the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Brian also established the Group III Honor Guard teaching advanced drill movements and ceremonial events; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2001, this gallant young man, a Cadet 2nd Lieutenant, was appointed Cadet Commander of Berry Field Composite Squadron, in which important position he has been responsible for twenty cadets; and

WHEREAS, at the 2001 Awards Ceremony, Lt. Kinner was honored as the Cadet of the Year for Middle Tennessee, and his squadron was named Middle Tennessee Squadron of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a budding leader in our nation, he presently serves as Cadet Advisory Council Chairman and has passed six advanced tests in leadership and aerospace education; he has also met the physical fitness requirements of running a mile in 7.5 minutes and completing sixty sit-ups in two minutes to qualify for the Amelia Earhart Award; and

WHEREAS, a Senior at McGavock High School, he plans to enlist in the Air National Guard and attend Middle Tennessee State University, simultaneously earning a commission as an officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Brian Kinner has achieved outstanding success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest young people in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinner's display of intellectual aptitude, diligence, and ambition surely bodes well for his future success in college and the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Brian Kinner's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Lieutenant Brian E. Kinner on his impressive achievements, thank him for his patriotic service, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.